

The 2010 Congressional Art Competition

"An Artistic Discovery"

Facts

WHAT: The 29th Annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the US Congress.

WHY: **AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY** provides Congress and the public with the opportunity to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of young Americans at a time when budgets of local organizations and art-in-education programs are being curtailed.

TIMEABLE: **March 22:** Registration forms due in Congressman Welch's Vermont office.

April 9: All artwork must be received at one of the delivery sites listed on the attached page. Artwork submitted after this date is not guaranteed consideration in the competition.

April 27: Art show opens at T.W. Wood Art Gallery, Montpelier, VT.

May 10: 29th Annual Congressional Art Competition and Awards Ceremony.

June 1: Winning piece of art due in Washington, DC to be displayed with other Congressional District winners.

Late June: Congressional District first place winners will go to Washington, DC for opening reception.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Originality
2. Clearly Expressed Content
3. Not reproduced from a 3rd party's work
4. Not a violation of U. S. Copyright Laws

AWARD DISTRIBUTION:

- First place winner
- Second place winner
- Third place winner
- Judges' Choice winners
- Honorable mentions
- Congressman Welch's choices

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2010 Congressional Art Competition Rules

Student Eligibility

Students must attend a high school, middle/high school, alternative school, vocational or technical school, or be a high school level home school student. It is at the discretion of the school's art department whether artwork from middle level students at a combined middle/high school may be submitted.

A student must be a legal resident of Vermont for his or her artwork to be considered for first place.

A non-resident student may submit artwork for consideration for another prize.

Artwork Eligibility

Entries must be flat and two-dimensional.

Entries must not exceed dimensions of 30" x 30" when framed.

Entries must fit within one of the following categories:

- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings: (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers)
- Collage: **must be** two-dimensional
- Prints: (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed media (use of more than 2 mediums such as pencil, ink etc.)
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Entries must be the student's original artwork and may not be a copy or print of the student's original.

Entries must not be reproduced from a 3rd party's work.

Entries must not be a violation of U.S. Copyright Law.

Entries must be **matted** or on **cardboard backing**, but may not be framed behind glass or Plexiglas.

The label from the registration form must be **attached** to the Entry.

Entries that do not meet these requirements will not be judged, and will only be displayed if space is available in the gallery.

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Directions for Delivery

1. Artwork must be received between **March 22** and **April 9**.
2. The Artwork Entry Label must be **attached** to the artwork.
3. Artwork must be delivered **ready to hang**. This means that wire or some other mechanism for hanging must be affixed to the back of the matte. ***Artwork that is not completely dry when delivered or in a condition other than ready to hang may or may not be displayed depending upon available space.***
4. Artwork must arrive in a **portfolio** or other **packaging** ***EVEN IF*** you are delivering by hand.
5. Artwork can be received in either of the following ways:

The Congressional office can receive art by **hand delivery** or by **mail**. The office is open from 8am to 5pm.

Office of Congressman Welch

Contact: Victoria Jones

Phone: (888) 605-7270

Address: 30 Main Street, Suite 350

Burlington, VT 05401

The following locations can receive art by **hand delivery**. Please **call ahead** for hours of availability:

Community College of Vermont-Rutland TBD

T.W. Wood Art Gallery
Contact: Joyce Mandeville
Phone: (802) 828-8743
Address: Vermont College
36 College Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Southern Vermont Recreation Center
Contact: Christian Craig
Phone: (802) 885-2568
Address: 140 Clinton Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Catamount Arts
Contact: Jerry Aldredge
Phone: (802) 748-2600
Address: 139 Eastern Avenue
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

School Registration Form

PLEASE **PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE** THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE NAME TAGS, AWARD CERTIFICATES, AND PROGRAM.

RETURN THIS FORM BY **MARCH 22nd 2010.**

Name of High School: _____

Art Instructor(s): _____

Art Instructor Phone: _____ Art Instructor E-mail: _____

EACH HIGH SCHOOL MAY REGISTER UP TO FIVE STUDENTS. (If your school is affiliated with a technical school you may coordinate your efforts and register up to ten students: five from the high school program and five from the technical or vocational programs).

Name of Student: _____

Student's Legal Residence: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

Dimension of Art Work: _____ (cannot exceed 30 x 30 inches*)

Media Used: _____

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Artwork Entry Labels

Attach this PORTION of the registration form to the back of each piece of artwork.

ARTWORK DUE NO LATER THAN April 9th 2010.

The following information will be used when making wall tags to be placed next to your artwork for exhibition. *IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION AND BE AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE.*

Title of Artwork: _____
Name of Student: _____
High School: _____ Art Instructor: _____
Dimension of Art Work: _____ (cannot exceed 30 x 30 inches*)
Media Used: _____
Please indicate TOP of artwork: _____

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